IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Lowe, et al.

Serial No.: 09/762,794 - Case No.: 20276P

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For: PROTEIN DELIVERY SYSTEM USING

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Examiner: Guzo

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FOURTH SUBMISSION OF SEQUENCE STATEMENT AND SEQUENCE LISTING

Sir:

This communication is in response to a telephonic conversation with Examiner David Guzo, which occurred on August 13, 2003. In said teleconference, the Examiner indicated that the Sequence Listing for the above-referenced case, which was hand delivered to the PTO on December 13, 2002, was timely received but not entered into the record. The Examiner further indicated that the Sequence Listing and corresponding diskette have since been inadvertently misplaced by the PTO.

Applicants note that a copy of the Sequence Listing in computer readable form was previously submitted to the PTO on June 27, 2001 and again on October 8, 2002. However, diskettes submitted on both of these occasions were received in damaged condition and Applicants were informed in a Quayle Action, mailed November 11, 2002, that a replacement Sequence Listing in Computer Readable Form was required.

In response thereto, Applicants hand delivered a substitute diskette to replace the damaged diskettes on December 13, 2002. Although the replacement diskette was timely received by the PTO, as evidenced by the enclosed date-stamped postcard and as confirmed by Examiner Guzo, it was not entered into the record and can not be located at this time.

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Therefore, enclosed herewith is a fourth copy of the Sequence Listing CRF to replace the CRFs that were timely submitted on June 27, 2001, October 8, 2002 and December 13, 2002.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(f), I hereby state that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing. I further state that this submission and all papers accompanying this submission introduce no new matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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